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1. ISRAELI FM MOSHE DAYAN IS PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO STOCKHOLM AMIDST WHAT SOME OFFICIALS MAINTAIN IS THE TIGHTEST SECURITY EVER ACCORDED A VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARY. DAYAN'S ARRIVAL ON MAY 11 COINCIDED WITH LOCAL OBSERVANCES OF ISRAEL'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. ON HIS FIRST DAY IN STOCKHOLM, DAYAN LUNCHEDED WITH THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND LEADING SWEDISH POLITICIANS, ATTENDED HIS EMBASSY'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION, AND WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A GALA BANQUET CELEBRATING ISRAEL'S THIRTIETH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE HELD AT STOCKHOLM'S CITY HALL, SITE OF THE ANNUAL NOBEL PRIZE BANQUET. DAYAN WAS ALSO HELICOPTERED AT HIS REQUEST TO
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THE SITE OF ANCIENT VIKING MEMORIAL MOUNDS, SATISFYING HIS PENCHANT FOR ARCHEOLOGY AND PROVIDING TV CAMERAS WITH COLORFUL FILM FOOTAGE FOR THE EVENING NEWS.

2. GIVEN THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES, DAYAN'S FIRST DAY WAS HIGH IN PROTOCOL AND VISIBILITY, LOW IN SUBSTANCE. NONETHELESS, BOTH DAYAN AND HIS SWEDISH HOSTS DROPPED

HINTS OF WHAT THEIR RESPECTIVE MESSAGE TO THE OTHER WILL BE. DAYAN'S LUNCHEON TOAST MADE REFERENCE TO ISRAEL'S HOPES FOR A NUMERICALLY STRONG AND TENACIOUS UN TROOP PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. ON THE SWEDISH SIDE, MINISTER OF EDUCATION JAN-ERIK WIKSTROM, WHO OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED THE GOS AT THE BANQUET, NOTED THAT SWEDEN, AS A FRIEND OF ISRAEL, IS OBLIGATED TO POINT OUT ELEMENTS IN ISRAELI POLICY THAT CAUSE CONCERN. WIKSTROM REFERRED TO SWEDISH INVOLVEMENT IN ME PEACE EFFORTS FROM COUNT BERNADOTTE TO THE PRESENT SWEDISH UN CONTINGENT AND SET FORTH THE OFT-HEARD SWEDISH VIEW THAT A LASTING SOLUTION MUST CONSIDER THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS. RECENTLY RESIGNED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PER AHLMARK, WHO IS REGARDED AS ISRAEL'S BEST FRIEND IN GOS CIRCLES, WHILE PROFESSING HIS "LOVE FOR ISRAEL" SAID HE PERSONALLY FOUND "INEXCUSABLE" ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND ISRAELI REINTERPRETATIONS OF UN RESOLUTION 242.

3. DAYAN, IN HIS BANQUET REMARKS, STRESSED ISRAEL'S WISH TO BE SELF-RELIANT. HE TOOK THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS SPECIFICALLY ISRAEL'S GRATITUDE FOR CONTINUED US SUPPORT.

4. AS EXPECTED, DAYAN'S VISIT BROUGHT OUT LOCAL PLO SYMPATHIZERS IN STOCKHOLM (AND IN GOTEBOG--SEE GOTEBOG 154). DEMONSTRATORS NUMBERED ABOUT ONE THOUSAND. THOSE WHOSE FACES WERE RECORDED BY THE MEDIA LOOKED MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBVIOUSLY ARAB THAN SWEDISH.

5. THE MAY 12 PROGRAM WILL BE MORE DIRECTLY SUBSTANTIVE. DAYAN IS TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER (WHO IS HOSTING A LUNCH), AND THE KING. LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, HE WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

6. COMMENT: THE SWEDES HAVE A MESSAGE TO CONVEY TO DAYAN. THEY BELIEVE THEIR LONG-STANDING CREDENTIALS AS A FRIEND OF ISRAEL STRONGLY COMMITTED TO ITS SURVIVAL, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH SWEDISH UN PEACEKEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, GIVE SWEDEN THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ITS VOICE HEARD. AMIDST THE ADMIRATION AND PRAISE FOR ISRAEL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS THESE LAST THIRTY YEARS, DAYAN IS BEING TOLD IN EVERY QUARTER THAT ISRAEL'S RESPONSE TO THE SADAT VISIT HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT AND THAT PRESENT GOI POLICIES ON PEACE ISSUES ARE CAUSE FOR CONCERN. SUCH HAS BEEN THE TENOR OF EDITORIAL COMMENT; SUCH HAS BEEN THE UNDERLYING GOS MESSAGE AS THE VISIT GETS UNDERWAY. DAYAN CAN EXPECT MORE OF THE SAME AS HIS VISIT PROGRESSES.
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